

## BOARD TO AWARD MOTOR CONTRACT

Fire Commissioners Will Experiment With New Equipment in Fighting Line.

**SAVES MONEY AND IS QUICK**

Successful Tests in New York Will Eliminate Engines Drawn by Horses.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in a special session to make out the annual budget of the financial needs of the department for 1911, and to award a contract for a combination automobile fire engine and hose wagon. This was agreed at a previous meeting and referred to a subcommittee, with plans and specifications of the various classes of engines proposed, and it is expected that the committee, which has called into consultation Superintendent Thompson, Secretary Jones and Master Mechanic Jones, of the department, with Chief Joyner, will be prepared to report to-night. The Council has agreed to provide \$5,000 in the annual appropriation ordinance for purchase of an automobile engine, and the board expects to try out in South Richmond the fire equipment south of the river being limited to a hose wagon, the city of Manchester never having owned a modern steam fire engine.

**Horses No Good.**  
For more than a year past the board has been anxious to experiment with a motor engine, which it is believed possesses great advantages. It requires no horses and no horse feed. If there are no fires, and the engine stands idle for a week or a month, there is no expense—no horses eating their heads off in idleness. It does not require a driver to hold the horses while at a fire, nor a fireman to shovel coal, leaving the whole company free to fight flames, save the engineer in charge, who is its own driver. Were all the engines of motor type, the services of several wagons used to haul coal for fire engines could be dispensed with. The board will also ask funds in the budget for three light motor cars for the chief and his two assistants. Ninety per cent. of all fires are discovered in their incipency, and it is believed that light, quick-moving motor cars could get to them and extinguish them before the fire has become a serious type of fire engine could get up sufficient steam to pump water.

**Can Cover Distances.**  
The motor engine also has a distinct advantage where the distance is great. The motor does not become winded or exhausted and can run from twenty-five to forty miles and keep it up. The high percher horses selected to draw the three-ton engines can make a sprint to a fire in the neighborhood of the engine house, but those who witnessed the recent Richmond College fire, and saw engines coming from Church Hill and Fulton, after a run of three or four miles, partly up a hill, with horses dripping and exhausted, realized that for rapid transit with as heavy a machine as a fire engine, a gasoline motor has great advantages over horses. Chief Joyner attended a convention of fire chiefs in Buffalo last summer, where the matter of motor equipment was fully discussed, and later under instructions of the board, he visited a number of cities where experiments were being made.

**Situation in New York.**  
Chief Croker, of the New York Fire Department was one of those who was skeptical at that time, fearing that the motors had not been perfected to the extent that they would give absolute certainty. Experiments have been more extensively made in New York than any other city, and on Saturday Fire Commissioner Waldo announced that the New York Fire Department had bought more horses, and that from now on there would be a gradual elimination of the 1,500 horses in the fire service. Commissioner Waldo reports that the change will effect a saving to the city of New York of \$50,000 per year in purchase of horses, without taking account of cost of feed, harness, shoeing and supplies. New York has been buying about 150 fire horses a year, at an average cost of \$250. Contracts were awarded Saturday by New York for three automobile fire engines, two auto trucks and ten motor hose wagons, each of which will cost out of commission a similar horse-drawn vehicle. Ten motor cars for the battalion chiefs are being specially built.

**Cuts Insurance Rates.**  
The report on the subject states that the introduction of power wagons has already resulted in reducing insurance rates in the districts served, as the speed with which motor vehicles can get to a fire has resulted in choking the flame in its incipency. The report of the test says that the speed of a motor fire engine is greatly in excess of anything a horse-drawn vehicle could hope to maintain for any length of time, and that where ever any extended distance is to be covered, the motor vehicle has shown a very decided advantage over the horse-drawn engine.

There are several types of motor engines on the market. In Richmond the steep hills make it necessary that the motor should have ample power, but these come with the price tag of the strength and speed of a team of horses attempting to make room with a heavy engine or hook and ladder. New York, Boston, Chicago, Springfield, Hartford, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Newark, Bridgeport, San Antonio, Watertown and many other cities of varying conditions have already decided to put their fire equipment on a motor basis at once.

**County Supervisors to Meet.**  
To pass upon a report on the matter, a special meeting of the Henric County Board of Supervisors will be held Tuesday, January 24.

## New Secretary of Club



C. P. WALFORD, JR.

## WALFORD TO TAKE BREEDEN'S PLACE

Directors of Business Men's Club Elect New Secretary, to Begin Work February 1.

Charles P. Walford, Jr., son of C. P. Walford, clerk and supervisor of the Richmond public schools, has been elected secretary of the Business Men's Club by the board of directors, succeeding William Breeden, resigned. Mr. Walford is widely known in Richmond, having been for the past few months connected with the American Tobacco Company. He will come to the club during this week to familiarize himself with his new duties before Mr. Breeden leaves on February 1. Secretary Breeden has accepted a position with the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Mr. Walford was formerly store manager for W. D. Crenshaw, at E. 11th and Main Streets, and for a time operated a branch store on Second Street, between Main and Franklin Streets. He will be formally inducted to members at an open house and reception to be held on Thursday, the anniversary of General Lee's birth, when the club will be open to members and invited guests. There were a number of applicants for the position. In fact, Mr. Breeden took back his resignation until the board had in view a suitable man to take his place. The club has shown remarkable progress under Mr. Breeden's management, moving to headquarters at the American National Bank and increasing its membership from 250 to about 600. A number of applications for membership are now pending, the directors having as yet placed no limit on the enrollment. It is being desired to make it as general as possible, business men of the city as desired.

## PREPARING PROGRAM

**Chamber Smoker to Mark Opening of Big Mineral Exhibit.**  
The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which is co-operating with Governor Mann in preparing plans for the opening of the Virginia State Mineral and Time Exhibit on February 9, is now preparing a program for the occasion, and will be ready to submit a report to the Governor's approval.

One of the features will be a smoker at the Jefferson Hotel at which the presidents of all the railroads running into the State will be the guests of the chamber. All members of the chamber will be invited to be present, together with such others as the speakers of national and local reputation.

**Virginia at the Hotels.**  
Murphy, Charles F. Petty, Lynchburg; C. C. Coates, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tunstall, Roanoke; H. W. Wilkinson, Knoxville; George A. Carver, Norfolk; D. L. Lettice, Waynesboro; Mrs. Thomas H. Walker, Gloucester; W. W. Lee, Norfolk; W. E. Clark, Norfolk; K. K. Clark, Norfolk; W. P. Spear, Norfolk; T. A. J. Gay, Roanoke; T. Freeman, Epsom, Blackstone; James Hardy, Chase City; Richmond; A. H. Herman, Danville; John E. Woodruff, Virginia.

**Arrests Yesterday.**  
Louis Fage, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of feloniously assaulting Robert Lawrence. George Gilbert, colored, was arrested on a charge of assaulting Lucy Adams.

Adams, colored, was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was overheard by Policeman Belton to say something about shooting some one, and was promptly arrested and searched.

## ANXIOUS TO HAVE COURTROOM CLEAR

Justice Crutchfield Will Ask Police Board for Additional Men.

**CAN'T KEEP OUT IDLERS NOW**

Four Doors to Guard, and Only One Officer to Watch Them.

Expressing his willingness to see that the ordinance prohibiting the overcrowding of Police Court, and providing that only court officers, lawyers, others having business in the court, and those having passes issued by the mayor, be admitted, Justice Crutchfield said yesterday that he would apply to Mayor Richardson and to the board of Police Commissioners for additional officers, whose duty it shall be to guard the doors and prevent idlers and curiosity seekers from entering the courtroom. "As it is now," said Justice Crutchfield, "I have only one man to watch the doors and there are four entrances to my court. It is practically impossible for him to prevent people from coming in, and often I am too busy, as I was on Saturday, with my duties, to pay attention to the number of people thronging in. But if the ordinance which the Mayor will give me more men, I shall be able to see that the ordinance is enforced."

**Adopted Two Years Ago.**  
The ordinance referred to was passed and approved in March, 1909, nearly two years ago. Little or no effort, except during a few days after its passage, was made to enforce it, and it had practically faded from memory. Recently agitation for its enforcement was renewed, and the Police Department has announced that it would see that the provision made by law to keep the courtroom clear is carried out.

The object of the ordinance is to prevent the Police Court from being a resort for idlers, curiosity seekers and the class of petty criminals who have been infesting it. On some occasions the courtroom is so crowded that the air is stifling. People with business in court have great difficulty in getting to the bar, owing to the crowded condition of the aisles, and are exposed to all manner of contamination and disease. It is to remedy this condition that the ordinance was passed and will now be rigidly enforced.

## LIVED IN BLACKSTONE

**Mrs. Behee, Who Saved Husband's Life, Well Known in Virginia.**  
The Times-Dispatch has been furnished with the identity of Mrs. Mary Blair Rice Behee, wife of Charles William Behee, curator of the Bronx Zoo, New York City, who saved her husband from death at the hands of "head hunters" while in Rome. The story of the adventure appeared Friday morning in this paper.

Mrs. Behee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rice, of Blackstone, formerly of Charlottesville. She is the granddaughter of Judge Roger A. Pryor, of New York, and a great-granddaughter of Rev. Theodorick Pryor, D. D., one of the most noted clergymen in the Southern Presbyterian Church. The father of Mrs. Behee was at one time State Senator from Charlottesville.

**Big Meeting in February.**  
The Virginia division of the Farmers' Co-operative Educational Association of the United States will meet in the assembly room of Murphy's Hotel, February 7, 8, and 9. About 200 delegates are expected. The purpose of the association is to educate the farmer in the use of fertilizers to the best advantage and to discuss modern methods in every department of agriculture.

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## ARREST FOUR FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Police Use Marked Money in Dealing With Alleged Blind Tiger Operators.

On a charge of selling liquor without a license, the police yesterday succeeded in arresting four men, three of them being white and alleged walking barrooms.

Spencer Booker, colored, was arrested at his home, 163 West Condit Street, by Bicycle Police Officer Belton who caught him through the time-honored trick of giving him marked money. A colored woman was sent into the house with a half-pint of whiskey, which she turned over to the officer. Then Belton entered the house, and therein found about two crates of beer and about two quarts of whiskey, all of which was confiscated.

Booker's excuse, when the marked money was found in his possession, was that the woman had owed him \$1 and paid him a quarter on account. This, of course, is denied. Later in the day Detective Sergeant Bellam and Acting Detective Atkinson arrested Julius Barker, Benjamin Metcalf and Arthur Butler, all white, on a charge of selling liquor from their pockets. They were found on Locust Alley, and when arrested each was found to have a bottle of whiskey on his hip.

## "HIMSELF" GARLE GAVE HOOK TO TWO

So "Jumping Jupiter" Gets Sunday Rehearsal With Only One Man Looking On.

**MORAL FOR WILLIE BOYS**

No Footlight Glare to Dazzle Those Who Yearn to Bloom on Stage.

"Jumping Jupiter" didn't jump to Norfolk yesterday, but spent the day—he and his company of a few ugly men and many pretty girls—in the classic shades of the Academy, where on a dark and dismal stage voices wailed, tired feet did reluctant dance steps, and jokes and quips which are wont to delight and convulse those in front, fell upon the ears of an audience of one.

There were no "sumptuous" sets, such as luxurious smoking rooms, gilded drawing-rooms and flower-bedecked gardens on a lake with a steam yacht at anchor, and the only "props" on the bare stage were broken chairs, benches as hard as nails and a few derelict boxes, which an active imagination changed into divans, easy chairs and cozy corners.

"Himself" Garle last week gave the hook to two of the male members of the company and took on two who are more the sons of avarice than of love, those who fell among the snares of yesterday he broke in the newcomers, and while engaged in this vexatious business, gave a few fancy turns and twists to the whole cast, playing over the scenes.

**"Himself" in Shirt Sleeves.**  
Sitting alone in "the front," in the back row (which seems impossible, but is true), I saw "Jumping Jupiter" given from alpha to omega with all its frills, but without its furbelows of stage costume. "Himself," in his shirt sleeves, looking more than ever like a very long-legged and humorous postman, directed everything, singing through his nose all the parts, dancing all the steps and rehearsing "business" with a patience that left the late lamented Job at a disadvantage.

I never saw such an example of good humor nor such an example of give and take—everybody helped everybody else, and not an angry word was said, although blouses went the way of transgressors and more than once a chorus line tripped and cracked. The dust of the dirty stage was no doubt, however, that outward smiles covered many turbulent interiors.

**Return With Prisoners**  
D. V. Walker Brought to Richmond on Charge of Non-Support.

Detective Sergeant Wiley returned yesterday morning from Emporia with a charge of non-support. Walker states that he has been living in Emporia for twenty-five years, and that his wife left him seven years ago, returning to Richmond, where they were married. Walker has been married the last union. He is forty-nine years old.

Policeman Johnson returned from Washington yesterday morning with E. H. Martin, who faces a charge of larceny.

**PRESIDENT WOOD TO NAME COMMITTEES THIS WEEK**

President Henry W. Wood, of the Chamber of Commerce, is now engaged in preparing his appointments for the twenty-five standing committees of the body. It is expected that he will call a meeting this week for the purpose of giving out the list. There are twenty-five members of the board of directors, and it is the custom that each chairman be also a director. The fifteen members of the board of directors will retain their places as members of the committees to which they now belong.

## POLICE PICK UP WAYWARD BOYS

Paroled After Being Charged With Attempt to Break Into Business House.

Because of their tender years, Raymond Smith, fourteen years old, and Robert Wendlinger, twelve years old, who were caught yesterday morning by Policeman Brantley in the alleged act of attempting to break into the real estate office of Cassinelli, 200 South Seventh Street, were arrested only as suspicious characters, a more definite charge not being preferred against them. Both were later paroled by Captain Barfoot, of the First District, in the custody of their parents. They appear in Police Court this morning.

Both boys have before been in the hands of the police, but have always managed to escape punishment on account of their age.

Some months ago Raymond Smith was knocked from a wagon by a street car, and was so seriously injured that his life was despaired of. For weeks he lay in the Virginia Hospital, most of the time unconscious. Careful attention on the part of physicians and careful nursing saved his life, and after a long time spent in recuperation, he recovered, and was discharged as well from the hospital.

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## SKILLIT FINDS OUT WHY ONE WOMAN IS A SUFFRAGETTE

Knocked Out as Great Secret Which Has Disturbed Peace of World Is Revealed by Henracker Dame Who Set Him Up to Wine.

"There is absolutely no truth in the report that I will run for Mayor of Richmond," said Colonel Bill Skillit, when asked yesterday for the platform of principles, which his son, Larkin W. Skillit, had announced would be given to the press to-day.

"You must not take what Larkin says too seriously," he announced. "At times he is belligerent; he is what you might call a debutante politician, and he is not to be trusted. I am sure he could get a few drinks, if I run for anything, son, it will be for the United States Senate, and any other thing."

**Talks to Suffrage Club.**  
"Now cut that out," said Bill. "As long as you live, never call me Willie. Since the first of year I have kept the name of Willie. I have been staying at home, trying to keep sober, with the help of Nish, and yet they have been saying I am a drunkard. I object; I am no train robber, who has served a term. I want seclusion."

"That is quite true," said Nish. "Willie has tried."

**Oh, the meeting?** Well, it was very successful—no rough-house tactics, no anarchy or disorder. Being anxious to give them a touch of Jacksonian simplicity, I rode there on a mule, with a rope for a bridle and a meal sack for a saddle, while the crowd in contrast to the richness of the gowns. But first let me tell you how the chairman, or chairlady, was dressed. She was gowned in heavy white satin, the dress was trimmed with gold lace, and a bertha of lace was worn, cape fashion, over the neck and arms, and was caught at the waist with jeweled ornaments. Its two long ends formed flat panels over the skirt. Small clusters of orange blossoms fastened the ends of the bertha. She wore an ornament of diamonds, a necklace of pearls and pearls. Her bouquet was lilacs of the valley.

**Seems to me like that is a bride's costume,"** remarked Nish.

**Felt Like Felix Hog.**  
"Maybe it was," the colonel replied, "but who knows but what she was willing to be in case I asked her? She didn't want to give me time to change my mind while she was changing her clothes. To proceed, I was properly introduced to all the ladies and gentlemen. I felt just like a prize hog walking to the slaughter pen, but I kept my nerve as I adjusted my vest. 'Friends, countrymen and loved ones,' I began, as they murmured and sighed 'you have been here before, haven't you? I am with you, but I haven't the eloquence of Miss Spankheart, even if I have more nerve.' Then suddenly I screamed: 'Did you ever see a suffragette stop a street car? She doesn't wave her hand like a fond mother waving her baby. She holds it up heavenward, looks the motorman square in the eye, as much as to say, now pass, damn you.' I was afraid my language was too strong, but sympathy came from the Dumbarton widow, who smiled."

**Tells It in Poker Terms.**  
"You ladies don't play poker," I said. "Test? Well, let me illustrate. Mrs. Chairlady, suppose you and the sister over there in the glass front, and I am playing the great game. Suppose it is a jack-pot, and the deal passes and passes, and I have a hand with a fond mother waving her baby, and you sweeten it with chocolate bonbons, and then suppose I skin the deck down to the seven, and I am dealing. You, Mrs. Chairlady, pick up your cards, and you, you with the ping pong, you have thirty miles of railroad, the other sister has three ladies, and I have a"

**Great Secret Revealed.**  
"Does a preacher's son want to go to the circus? We were off. As we sat there at the table I bent upon her bracelet with a hotel sugar spoon. Then I leaned across the table and slapped her palm suddenly, with the spoon. 'Why are you a suffragette?' I asked. She was startled. She glanced quickly around to see if we were alone. The cashier looked suspiciously at me as the waiter faded away.

**Why is a hen?** she whispered. I gasped. The room seemed to spin before my eyes. All at once I saw a brewery awaiting by. I failed to flag it. And then, with that simple answer, this whole suffragette question was revealed to me. I was clearly, convincingly, strangely I never understood before. "But you didn't tell me about the lady and the hen," said Nish.

"No," Bill replied. "All you must do is to have faith in me. Then what you don't know won't hurt you or your complexion. Now, Casey, set 'em up again. You might give me some of that debutante punch you are always gloating about."

**BAILEY STILL IN WEST**

Went There to Get Man Who Is Charged With Murder.

From all accounts received here through the press and by letter, Detective Sergeant Forest C. Bailey, when last heard from, was still ploughing through the Far West on his way to Seattle, Wash., where he went to bring back a man wanted on a charge of murder in Dickinson county.

Major Werner received a letter from the detective on Friday, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, showing that the trip was not being made on a schedule time. Violent snow storms throughout the West have seriously affected traffic, and it is not known definitely where the officer has even yet reached his destination. When he left on January 3 Sergeant Bailey expected to be gone for three or four weeks, possibly longer, as it was thought that the prisoner whom

lone ace. We draw. You fill, the other sister does not. I pick up my hand, and behold, I have three bullets and a pair of Johnnies. Who gets the pot? "So it is with this suffrage question. It looks as if you are going to win, you are going to win, when, presto! I, representing the world, beat you out. When I have the best full hand in the deck, you hope to beat me with a smaller full hand? Of course not. Then let go this big question. My own idea is that spinsters are suffragettes because they are spinsters; married women are suffragettes because they are married. Did you catch that? There you have the key to the situation. To-day the good women are imitating us too much. The only thing in which you don't imitate is in the matter of eating. You prefer pepper sandwiches. Did any of you ever stack up against a big beefsteak and a dish of onions, fresh and young? If you saw my wife smoking a cigarette, you would snub her; if you saw her voting at Brin's precinct, you would shout for joy. Take that shirt-waist strike you are always talking about. Why did those girls arouse your sympathy? Speak out. Wasn't it because you feared the shirtwaist supply would be cut off?

**What They Did in Denver.**  
"You remind me of the picture of the little boy in the bathtub, reaching for the soap. Now what did they do in Denver when they got hold of the soap, the same, for argument and illustration, being the ballot? What was the sum and substance of their reform? Did they clean the town? No. They simply voted to make the hobble skirt the official uniform and to put a course of fudge cooking in the public schools. Then they adjourned for tea."

"There was silence for a moment, while I waited to see what sort of questions would be asked at me. Presently the chairlady arose. There was fire in her eye and war paint on her cheeks. The room was still. She cleared her throat, while I waited to be crushed.

"Colonel," she said, amid that same silence, "will you take chocolate or tea?"

"Instantly there was a hubbub, the leading question indicating that the real object of the meeting was about to begin. They mingled, and then mingled some more. A real swell doll baby gave me the high sign. 'O you,' she said, as I handed her some water. 'Don't you want to sneak away in my car to the Jefferson as my guest,' she said, 'and split a bottle of wine?'

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